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FM AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7531

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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FROM COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: CODEVASF PROGRAM FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER
PROJECTS IN MINAS GERAIS

REF: A) STATE 30984, B) STATE 17409, C) SAO PAULO 2689

1. AMCONGEN RIO ARGUES IN FAVOR OF INVITING COSTA E SILVA,
SIQUEIRA AND VIANA. THUS, INCLUDING RODRIGUES ONLY IF ONE OF THE
FIRST THREE UNABLE TO ACCEPT. VIANA IS AGRICULTURE SECRETARY IN
STATE OF MINAS GERAIS WHERE MANY OF INDIVIDUAL CODEVASF
IRRIGATION PROJECTS WILL BE LOCATED. IN ADDITION, VIANA IS ONLY
NON-CODEVASF OFFICIAL ON LIST OF POTENTIAL INVITEES. EMBASSY
AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO LEAVE VIANA OUT.

2. REGARDING QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2 REF B CONGEN RIO HAS LEARNED
FOLLOWING FROM INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SIQUEIRA, COSTA E SILVA
AND VIANA: A) ALL THREE WOULD PREFER A THREE WEEK VISIT WHICH
WOULD ALLOW TIME TO INCLUDE IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AND
COMPARABLE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY SITES, IF POSSIBLE; B) EARLIES
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POSSIBLE DEPARTURE NOW APPEARS TO BE LATE APRIL OR MAY (THE TWO
CODEVASF OFFICIALS WILL NEED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR APPROVAL PRIOR
TO FINALIZING ANY TRAVEL PLANS); C) COSTA E SILVA AND
VIANA SPEAK ADEQUATE ENGLISH. SIQUEIRA TOLD CONGEN OFF THAT HE
SPEAKS A "A LITTLE ENGLISH" BUT CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN PORTUGUESE.

AN ESCORT/TRANSLATOR WOULD BE USEFUL BUT NOT ABSOLUTE
NECESSITY.

3. COSTA E SILVA ASKED THAT OFFICIAL INVITATIONS BE ISSUED ASAP
IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR INTERNAL GOB CLEARANCE OF
VISIT. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT A DEFINITE TIME COULD NOT RPT
NOT BE SET UNTIL SUCH CLEARANCE WAS OBTAINED. PLEASE ADVISE BY
CABLE WHEN INVITATIONS CAN BE ISSUED.
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